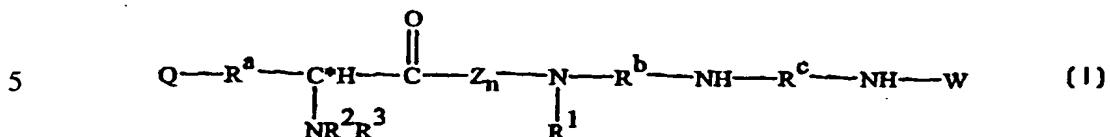


## **NEUROPROTECTIVE AGENTS**

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**



Compounds of formula (I) wherein: Q represents an amidino group, a cyano group or a group of formula XYN—, (where X and Y are hydrogen or various groups);

10 R<sup>a</sup> represents alkylene; R<sup>b</sup> and R<sup>c</sup> each represents alkylene, the total number of carbon atoms in said straight chains of R<sup>b</sup> and R<sup>c</sup> being 7); R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> each represents hydrogen, or a group of formula R, RCO—, ROCO—, or RNHCO—, where R represents alkyl or aryl; the chiral carbon atom indicated by the asterisk is in the L configuration; Z is an aromatic amino acid residue; n is 0 or 1; R<sup>1</sup> represents hydrogen, alkyl or aryl; and W represents hydrogen, alkyl or aryl; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof have the ability to protect against the neuronal damage which may be caused by an ischemic event.